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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the Quarterly Period Ended July 1, 2018**

- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Commission File No. 0-21625**



**FAMOUS DAVE'S of AMERICA, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Minnesota**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**41-1782300**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 190  
Minnetonka, MN 55343**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(952) 294-1300**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller Reporting Company

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

As of August 10, 2018, 9,091,726 shares of the registrant's Common Stock were outstanding.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements**

**FAMOUS DAVE'S OF AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
**JULY 1, 2018 AND DECEMBER 31, 2017**  
*(in thousands, except per share data)*  
*(Unaudited)*

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>July 1, 2018</b>	<b>December 31, 2017</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,309	\$ 8,836
Restricted cash	1,269	1,590
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$478,000 and \$592,000, respectively	4,091	3,768
Inventories	602	633
Prepaid income taxes and income taxes receivable	—	689
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	964	793
Assets held for sale	—	475
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>17,235</b>	<b>16,784</b>
<b>Property, equipment and leasehold improvements, net</b>	<b>10,229</b>	<b>11,442</b>
<b>Other assets:</b>		
Intangible assets, net	1,422	1,840
Deferred tax asset, net	6,402	5,823
Other assets	1,499	1,018
	<b>\$ 36,787</b>	<b>\$ 36,907</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Current portion of long-term debt and financing lease obligations	\$ 1,516	\$ 1,307
Accounts payable	3,514	4,365
Accrued compensation and benefits	861	1,545
Other current liabilities	2,586	3,118
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>8,477</b>	<b>10,335</b>
<b>Long-term liabilities:</b>		
Long-term debt, less current portion	3,252	7,932
Financing lease obligation, less current portion	—	1,196
Other liabilities	5,099	3,963
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>16,828</b>	<b>23,426</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity:</b>		
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 100,000 shares authorized, 9,087 and 7,376 shares issued and outstanding at July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively	91	70
Additional paid-in capital	7,249	1,460
Retained earnings	12,619	11,951
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>19,959</b>	<b>13,481</b>
	<b>\$ 36,787</b>	<b>\$ 36,907</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

**JULY 1, 2018 AND JULY 2, 2017**

*(in thousands, except per share data)*

*(Unaudited)*

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Restaurant sales, net	\$ 9,955	\$ 14,714	\$ 18,668	\$ 27,663
Franchise royalty and fee revenue	3,753	4,039	7,161	7,821
Franchisee national advertising fund contributions	529	—	998	—
Licensing and other revenue	301	297	555	514
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>14,538</b>	<b>19,050</b>	<b>27,382</b>	<b>35,998</b>
<b>Costs and expenses:</b>				
Food and beverage costs	3,099	4,404	5,816	8,338
Labor and benefits costs	3,361	5,176	6,557	9,984
Operating expenses	2,894	4,256	5,735	8,362
Depreciation and amortization	309	541	702	1,104
General and administrative expenses	2,111	3,494	3,985	8,042
National advertising fund expenses	529	—	998	—
Asset impairment, estimated lease termination charges and other closing costs, net	216	3,473	112	4,606
Net loss on disposal of property	30	15	29	16
<b>Total costs and expenses</b>	<b>12,549</b>	<b>21,359</b>	<b>23,934</b>	<b>40,452</b>
<b>Income (loss) from operations</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>(2,309)</b>	<b>3,448</b>	<b>(4,454)</b>
<b>Other income (expense):</b>				
Interest expense	(197)	(170)	(342)	(357)
Interest income	20	—	25	—
<b>Total other expense</b>	<b>(177)</b>	<b>(170)</b>	<b>(317)</b>	<b>(357)</b>
<b>Income (loss) before income taxes</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>(2,479)</b>	<b>3,131</b>	<b>(4,811)</b>
<b>Income tax (expense) benefit</b>	<b>(420)</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>(741)</b>	<b>1,743</b>
<b>Net income (loss) from continuing operations</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>(1,640)</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>(3,068)</b>
<b>Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>561</b>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 1,392</b>	<b>\$ (1,261)</b>	<b>\$ 2,390</b>	<b>\$ (2,507)</b>
<b>Income (loss) per common share:</b>				
<b>Basic net income (loss) per share - continuing operations</b>	<b>\$ 0.16</b>	<b>\$ (0.24)</b>	<b>\$ 0.29</b>	<b>\$ (0.44)</b>
<b>Basic net income per share - discontinued operations</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.08</b>
<b>Basic net income (loss) per share</b>	<b>\$ 0.16</b>	<b>\$ (0.18)</b>	<b>\$ 0.29</b>	<b>\$ (0.36)</b>
<b>Diluted net income (loss) per share - continuing operations</b>	<b>\$ 0.16</b>	<b>\$ (0.24)</b>	<b>\$ 0.29</b>	<b>\$ (0.44)</b>
<b>Diluted net income per share - discontinued operations</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.08</b>
<b>Diluted net income (loss) per share</b>	<b>\$ 0.16</b>	<b>\$ (0.18)</b>	<b>\$ 0.29</b>	<b>\$ (0.36)</b>
<b>Weighted average shares outstanding - basic</b>	<b>8,809</b>	<b>6,955</b>	<b>8,108</b>	<b>6,955</b>
<b>Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted</b>	<b>8,835</b>	<b>6,955</b>	<b>8,131</b>	<b>6,955</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**FAMOUS DAVE'S OF AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
**JULY 1, 2018**  
*(in thousands)*  
*(Unaudited)*

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
	Shares	Amount			
<b>Balance - December 31, 2017</b>	7,376	\$ 70	\$ 1,460	\$ 11,951	\$ 13,481
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	—	—	—	(1,722)	(1,722)
Common stock issued pursuant to rights offering	1,582	18	5,131	—	5,149
Exercise of stock options	104	2	406	—	408
Stock-based compensation	25	1	252	—	253
Net income	—	—	—	2,390	2,390
<b>Balance - July 1, 2018</b>	<u>9,087</u>	<u>\$ 91</u>	<u>\$ 7,249</u>	<u>\$ 12,619</u>	<u>\$ 19,959</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

**FAMOUS DAVE'S OF AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**JULY 1, 2018 AND JULY 2, 2017**  
*(in thousands)*  
*(Unaudited)*

	<b>Six Months Ended</b>	
	<b>July 1, 2018</b>	<b>July 2, 2017</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 2,390	\$ (3,068)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to cash flows provided by operations:		
Depreciation and amortization	702	1,104
(Gain) loss from asset impairment and estimated lease termination and other closing costs	(268)	3,900
Net loss on disposal of property	29	16
Amortization of deferred financing costs	90	16
Amortization of lease interest assets	18	18
Deferred income taxes	—	240
Deferred rent	(338)	280
Bad debts (recovery) expense	(25)	313
Stock-based compensation	167	131
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Restricted cash	321	74
Accounts receivable, net	(298)	(236)
Inventories	31	43
Prepaid income taxes and income taxes receivable	689	(1,493)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(171)	(531)
Other assets	167	—
Accounts payable	(851)	619
Accrued compensation and benefits	(762)	527
Other current liabilities	(202)	(763)
Other liabilities	(334)	70
Cash flows provided by continuing operating activities	1,355	1,260
Cash flows provided by discontinued operating activities	—	894
Cash flows provided by operating activities	1,355	2,154
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from the sale of assets	1,187	—
Advances on notes receivable	(648)	—
Purchases of property, equipment and leasehold improvements	(290)	(234)
Cash flows provided by (used for) continuing investing activities	249	(234)
Cash flows used for discontinued investing activities	—	(42)
Cash flows provided by (used for) investing activities	249	(276)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Payments for debt issuance costs	—	(15)
Payments on long-term debt and financing lease obligations	(5,757)	(913)
Proceeds from sale of common stock	5,132	—
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	494	—
Cash flows used for financing activities	(131)	(928)
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>950</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period</b>	<b>8,836</b>	<b>4,450</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 10,309</b>	<b>\$ 5,400</b>

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	Six Months Ended	
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017
<b>Supplemental Disclosures</b>		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 248	\$ 336
Cash paid (refunds received) for income taxes, net	5	(288)
<b>Non-cash investing and financing activities:</b>		
Change in deferred taxes, recognized in additional paid-in capital	\$ —	\$ 55
Decrease in accrued property and equipment purchases	(7)	(2)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**FAMOUS DAVE'S OF AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(1) Basis of Presentation**

*Basis of Presentation*

Famous Dave's of America, Inc. ("Famous Dave's" or the "Company") was incorporated in Minnesota on March 14, 1994. The Company develops, owns, operates and franchises restaurants under the name "Famous Dave's." As of July 1, 2018, there were 150 Famous Dave's restaurants operating in 33 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Canada, and the United Arab Emirates, including 15 Company-owned restaurants and 135 franchise-operated restaurants. An additional 59 franchise-operated restaurants were committed to be developed through signed area development agreements as of July 1, 2018.

These consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") and Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rules and Regulations. These unaudited consolidated financial statements represent the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries as of July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017 and for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017. The information furnished in these consolidated financial statements includes normal recurring adjustments and reflects all adjustments, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted. These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 as filed with the SEC on March 5, 2018.

Due to the seasonality of the Company's business, revenue and operating results for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year or any other interim period.

*Reclassifications*

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation. These reclassifications did not have an impact on the reported net income (loss) for any of the periods presented.

*Income Taxes*

The Company maintains a federal deferred tax asset ("DTA") in the amount of \$6.4 million and \$5.8 million as of July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. The Company evaluates the DTA on a quarterly basis to determine whether current facts and circumstances indicate that the DTA may not be fully realizable. As of July 1, 2018, the Company concluded that the DTA is fully realizable and that a valuation allowance was not considered necessary; however, the Company will continue to evaluate the asset on a quarterly basis until the DTA has been fully utilized.

The following table presents the Company's effective tax rates for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017
Effective tax rate	23.2 %	33.8 %	23.7 %	36.2 %

The net decrease in the Company's effective tax rate for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 was primarily a result of federal tax reform, signed into law on December 22, 2017, which reduced the Company's federal statutory tax rate to 21%. The Company provides for income taxes based on its estimate of federal and state income tax liabilities. These estimates include, among other items, effective rates for state and local income taxes, allowable tax credits for items such as taxes paid on reported tip income, estimates related to depreciation and amortization expense allowable for tax purposes, and the tax deductibility of certain other items. The Company's estimates are based on the information available at the time that the Company prepares the income tax provision. The Company generally files its annual income tax returns several months after its fiscal year-end. Income tax returns are subject to audit by federal, state, and local governments, generally years after the tax returns are filed. These returns could be subject to material adjustments or differing interpretations of the tax laws.



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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*Restricted cash and marketing fund*

The Company has a system-wide marketing development fund, to which Company-owned restaurants, in addition to the majority of franchise-operated restaurants, contribute a percentage of net sales, currently 1.0%, for use in public relations and marketing development efforts. The assets held by this fund are considered to be restricted. Accordingly, the Company reflects the cash related to this fund within restricted cash and reflects the liability within accounts payable on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The Company had approximately \$1 million and \$1.3 million in this fund as of July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

In conjunction with the Company's credit agreements, the Company has deposited amounts for undrawn letters of credit in cash collateral accounts. The Company had approximately \$246,000 and \$298,000 in restricted cash as of July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, related to these undrawn letters of credit.

*Concentrations of Credit Risk*

As of July 1, 2018, the Company had receivables from a franchisee of approximately \$574,000.

*Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements*

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The FASB issued ASU No. 2016-08, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net)" in March 2016, ASU 2016-10 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing" in April 2016, ASU 2016-11, "Revenue Recognition (Topic 605) and Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Rescission of SEC Guidance Because of Accounting Standards Updates 2014-09 and 2014-16 Pursuant to Staff Announcements at the March 3, 2016 EITF Meeting" in May 2016 and ASU 2016-12, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients" in May 2016. These new standards provide for a single, principles-based model for revenue recognition that replaces the existing revenue recognition guidance. In July 2015, the FASB deferred the effective date of ASU 2014-09 until annual and interim periods beginning on or after December 15, 2017. The new guidance permitted the use of either a full retrospective or modified retrospective transition method and early adoption was permitted. The Company has adopted this standard beginning with fiscal year 2018 utilizing the modified retrospective transition method, applied to all contracts.

The new guidance did not impact the timing of revenue recognition on franchise royalty revenues, restaurant and merchandise sales or licensing revenue. Although the recognition of contributions from franchisees to the Company's system-wide Public Relations and Marketing Development Fund (the "NAF") did not change, the Company, beginning in fiscal 2018, now reports these contributions on a gross basis within the franchisee national advertising fund contributions line item on the consolidated statements of operations.

Beginning in fiscal 2018, the Company recognizes franchise fee revenue on a straight-line basis over the life of the related franchise agreements and any exercised renewal periods. Cash payments are due upon the opening of a new restaurant or upon the execution of a renewal of the related franchise agreement. The Company's performance obligation with respect to franchise fee revenues consists of a license to utilize the Company's brand for a specified period of time, which is satisfied equally over the life of each franchise agreement.

Area development fees are deferred until a new restaurant is opened pursuant to the area development agreement, at which time revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis over the life of the franchise agreement. Cash payments for area development agreements are typically due when an area development agreement has been executed. Gift card breakage revenue is recognized proportionately as gift cards are redeemed utilizing an estimated breakage rate based on the Company's historical experience. Gift card breakage revenue is reported within the licensing and other revenue line item of the consolidated statements of operations.

The Company's revenue is generally disaggregated within the consolidated statements of operations; however, within the franchise fee revenue line item of the consolidated statements of operations, the Company recognized approximately \$56,000 and \$112,000 of franchise fee revenue related to the adoption of the new revenue standard during the three and six months ended July 1, 2018, respectively. Gift card breakage revenue was not material to the Company's consolidated financial statements. The Company recognized revenue related to gift cards of approximately \$68,000 and \$176,000 during the three and six months ended July 1, 2018, which is reflected in the restaurant sales, net, line item of its consolidated statements of operations. As of July 1, 2018, gift cards payable of approximately \$865,000 is expected to be recognized as revenue over the next 12 months, as they are redeemed.

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The following table summarizes the impact of the adoption of the new revenue standard on the Company's previously reported consolidated balance sheets:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<b>December 31, 2017</b>	<b>New revenue standard adjustments</b>	<b>January 1, 2018</b>
Deferred tax asset, net	\$ 5,823	\$ 579	\$ 6,402
Other current liabilities	3,118	224	3,342
Other liabilities	3,963	2,077	6,040
Retained earnings	11,951	(1,722)	10,229

The increases to other current liabilities and other liabilities relate to deferred franchise fee revenue. The increase to deferred tax asset, net is related to the tax effects of these adjustments to deferred franchise fee revenue. These adjustments resulted in a net decrease to retained earnings as of the adoption date.

Contract liabilities consist of deferred revenue resulting from franchise fees paid by franchisees. We classify these liabilities within other current liabilities and other liabilities within our consolidated balance sheets based on the expected timing of revenue recognition associated with these liabilities. The following table reflects the change in contract liabilities between the date of adoption (January 1, 2018) and July 1, 2018:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Balance, January 1, 2018	\$ 2,370
Revenue recognized	(112)
Balance, July 1, 2018	<u>\$ 2,258</u>

The following table illustrates estimated revenues expected to be recognized in the future related to unsatisfied performance obligations as of July 1, 2018:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Fiscal Year	
2018	\$ 113
2019	225
2020	218
2021	206
2022	190
Thereafter	1,306
Total	<u>\$ 2,258</u>

Adoption of the new revenue standard had no impact on the Company's cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities.

***Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements***

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), which supersedes the existing guidance for lease accounting, Leases (Topic 840). ASU 2016-02 requires lessees to recognize a lease liability and a right-of-use asset for all leases. Lessor accounting remains largely unchanged. The amendments in this ASU are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018 and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted for all entities. In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-11, Leases (Topic 842), which allows entities to initially apply the new lease standard as of the adoption date instead of at the beginning of the earliest period presented in the financial statements. The new lease standard requires a modified retrospective approach for all leases existing at, or entered into after the date of initial adoption, with an option to elect to use certain transition relief. The Company expects to adopt this new standard as of the effective date and believes that it will have a material impact because of the Company's significant leasing activity. The Company has completed its analysis of leases and is currently evaluating the impact that the new leasing standard will have on its consolidated financial statements, which the Company believes will be significant, and is beginning to develop controls around the implementation of Topic 842.

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In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-07, Compensation-Stock Compensation (Topic 718), which expands the scope of Topic 718 to include share-based payment transactions for acquiring goods and services from nonemployees. Under the updated standard, an entity should apply the requirements of Topic 718 to nonemployee awards, except for specific guidance on inputs to an option-pricing model and the attribution of cost. The amendments specify that Topic 718 applies to all share-based payment transactions in which a grantor acquires goods or services to be used or consumed in the grantor's own operations by issuing share-based payment awards. The amendments also clarify that Topic 718 does not apply to share-based payments used to effectively provide (1) financing to the issuer or (2) awards granted in conjunction with selling or goods or services as part of a contract accounted for under Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The amendments in this ASU are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018 and interim periods within that fiscal year. Early adoption is permitted, but no earlier than an entity's adoption date of Topic 606. The Company expects to adopt this new standard as of the effective date. The Company does not believe that adoption of the new standard will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

**(2) Intangible Assets, net**

The Company has intangible assets that consist of liquor licenses and lease interest assets. The liquor licenses are indefinite-lived assets and are not subject to amortization. The lease interest assets are amortized to occupancy costs on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of each respective lease.

A reconciliation of the Company's intangible assets as of July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, are presented in the table below:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	July 1, 2018	December 31, 2017
Lease interest assets, gross carrying amount	\$ 1,091	\$ 1,091
Lease interest assets, accumulated amortization	(304)	(286)
Lease interest assets, net carrying amount	787	805
Liquor licenses	635	1,035
Intangible assets, net	<u>\$ 1,422</u>	<u>\$ 1,840</u>

The following table provides the projected future amortization of lease interest assets for the next five years, as of July 1, 2018:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	July 1, 2018
Fiscal 2018	\$ 18
Fiscal 2019	36
Fiscal 2020	36
Fiscal 2021	36
Fiscal 2022	36
Thereafter	625
	<u>\$ 787</u>

**(3) Long-Term Debt and Financing Lease Obligations**

Long-term debt

The Company repaid its term loan during the six months ended July 1, 2018. Long-term debt consisted of the following at:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	July 1, 2018	December 31, 2017
Real Estate Loan	\$ 3,519	\$ 3,581
Term Loan	—	5,515
Less: deferred financing costs	(139)	(224)
Less: current portion of long-term debt	(128)	(940)
Long-term debt, less current portion	<u>\$ 3,252</u>	<u>\$ 7,932</u>

The weighted-average interest rate of long-term debt outstanding as of July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017 was 4.30% and 4.27%, respectively.

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The Company is subject to various financial and non-financial covenants on its long-term debt, including a debt-service coverage ratio. As of July 1, 2018, the Company was compliant with all of its covenants.

Financing Lease Obligation

Financing lease obligations consisted of the following at:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<u>July 1, 2018</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>
Financing lease obligation	\$ 1,396	\$ 1,576
Less: deferred financing costs	(8)	(13)
Less: current portion of financing lease obligation	(1,388)	(367)
Financing lease obligation, less current portion	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,196</u>

**(4) Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets**

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consisted of the following at:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<u>July 1, 2018</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>
Prepaid expenses	\$ 707	\$ 362
Prepaid insurance	257	225
Deferred offering costs	—	206
	<u>\$ 964</u>	<u>\$ 793</u>

**(5) Other Current Liabilities**

Other current liabilities consisted of the following at:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<u>July 1, 2018</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>
Gift cards payable	\$ 865	\$ 1,000
Miscellaneous other current liabilities	798	668
Lease reserves, current	401	1,165
Sales tax payable	284	242
Accrued real estate tax	—	26
Accrued income tax	2	—
Deferred franchise fees	225	—
Accrued property and equipment purchases	11	17
Other current liabilities	<u>\$ 2,586</u>	<u>\$ 3,118</u>

**(6) Other Liabilities**

Other liabilities consisted of the following at:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<u>July 1, 2018</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>
Deferred rent	\$ 2,052	\$ 2,463
Deferred franchise fees	2,033	—
Miscellaneous other liabilities	551	730
Asset retirement obligations	119	119
Accrual for uncertain tax position	15	15
Long term lease reserve	199	514
Long term deferred compensation	130	122
Other liabilities	<u>\$ 5,099</u>	<u>\$ 3,963</u>

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**(7) Stock-based Compensation**

Effective May 5, 2015, the Company adopted the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2015 Plan”), pursuant to which the Company may grant stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance stock units and other stock and cash awards to eligible participants. The Company also maintains an Amended and Restated 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the “2005 Plan”). Together, the 2015 Plan and 2005 Plan are referred to herein as the “Plans.” The 2005 Plan prohibits the granting of incentives after May 12, 2015, the tenth anniversary of the date the 2005 Plan was approved by the Company’s shareholders. Nonetheless, the 2005 Plan will remain in effect until all outstanding incentives granted thereunder have either been satisfied or terminated. As of July 1, 2018, there were 275,477 shares available for grant pursuant to the 2015 Plan. For purposes of net income (loss) per share, there were approximately 102,000 and 629,000 stock options outstanding as of July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017, respectively that were not included in the computation of diluted net income (loss) per share because their impact was antidilutive. As of July 1, 2018, the total compensation cost related to unvested stock option awards was approximately \$599,000, which is expected to be recognized over a period of approximately 3.20 years.

Stock options granted to employees and directors generally vest over two to five years, in monthly or annual installments, as outlined in each agreement. Options generally expire ten years from the date of grant. Compensation expense equal to the grant date fair value of the options is recognized in general and administrative expense over the applicable service period.

The incentive compensation of the Company’s Chief Executive Officer is tied to increases in the Company’s share price and calls for the issuance of freely tradable shares of the Company’s common stock upon the achievement of certain milestones.

The Company utilizes the Black-Scholes option pricing model when determining the compensation cost associated with stock options issued using the following significant assumptions:

- Stock price – Published trading market values of the Company’s common stock as of the date of grant.
- Exercise price – The stated exercise price of the stock option.
- Expected life – The simplified method as outlined in ASC 718.
- Expected dividend – The rate of dividends that the Company expects to pay over the term of the stock option.
- Volatility – Actual volatility over the most recent historical period equivalent to the expected life of the option.
- Risk-free interest rate – The daily United States Treasury yield curve rate.

The Company recognized stock-based compensation expense in its consolidated statements of operations for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017, respectively, as follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<u>Three Months Ended</u>		<u>Six Months Ended</u>	
	<u>July 1, 2018</u>	<u>July 2, 2017</u>	<u>July 1, 2018</u>	<u>July 2, 2017</u>
Stock options	\$ 120	\$ 16	\$ 167	\$ 116
Restricted stock	—	8	—	15
	<u>\$ 120</u>	<u>\$ 24</u>	<u>\$ 167</u>	<u>\$ 131</u>

Information regarding the Company’s stock options is summarized below:

<i>(number of options in thousands)</i>	<u>Number of Options</u>	<u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u>	<u>Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life in Years</u>
Options outstanding at December 31, 2017	539	\$ 6.60	6.6
Granted	90	7.67	
Exercised	(125)	5.26	
Forfeited or expired	(83)	5.65	
Options outstanding at July 1, 2018	<u>421</u>	<u>\$ 7.30</u>	<u>7.3</u>

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	Six Months Ended	
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017
Weighted-average fair value of options granted during the period	\$ 3.73	\$ 2.55
Expected life (in years)	6.2	5.0
Expected dividend	\$ —	\$ —
Expected stock volatility	45.94 %	60.47 %
Risk-free interest rate	2.9 %	2.2 %

**(8) Asset Impairment and Estimated Lease Termination and Other Closing Costs**

The following is a summary of asset impairment, estimated lease termination, and other closing costs for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017. These costs are included in asset impairment and estimated lease termination and other closing costs in the consolidated statements of operations.

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017
Asset impairments, net	\$ 2	\$ 3,098	\$ 152	\$ 3,042
Lease termination (income) charges and related costs	90	353	(343)	1,535
Restaurant closure expenses	124	22	303	29
Asset impairment, estimated lease termination charges and other closing costs	<u>\$ 216</u>	<u>\$ 3,473</u>	<u>\$ 112</u>	<u>\$ 4,606</u>

**(9) Fair Value Measurements**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement framework establishes a three-tier hierarchy. The three levels, in order of priority, are as follows:

*Level 1:* Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date. Level 1 measurements are determined by observable inputs which include data sources and market prices available and visible outside of the entity.

*Level 2:* Observable inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

*Level 3:* Inputs that are used to estimate the fair value of the asset or liability. Level 3 measurements are determined by unobservable inputs, which include data and analysis developed within the entity to assess the fair value.

For assets and liabilities falling within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, a change in the input assumptions used could result in a change in the estimated fair value of the asset or liability. Transfers in and out of levels will be based on the Company's judgment of the availability of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets, other observable inputs, and non-observable inputs.

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents reported in the consolidated balance sheets approximates fair value based on current interest rates and short-term maturities. The carrying amount of accounts receivable approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of accounts receivable. The Company believes that the carrying amount of long-term debt approximates fair value due to the minimal difference between market interest rates and the fixed interest rate on a portion of the Company's long-term debt, as well as that there has been no significant change in the credit risk or credit markets since origination.

The following table summarizes property and equipment, net, measured at fair value in the Company's consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2017:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2017</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Property and Equipment, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 828	\$ 828

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Property and equipment, net recorded at fair value was valued based upon a broker's estimate of value or estimated discounted future cash flows (Level 3). These assets were adjusted to net realizable value based upon the decision to dispose of the properties.

**(10) Discontinued Operations**

On November 1, 2017, the Company entered into agreements to sell eight restaurants in Maryland and Virginia (the "Mid-Atlantic Restaurants") to Commonwealth Blue Ribbon Restaurants LLC and Capital Blue Ribbon Restaurants LLC (the "Mid-Atlantic Purchasers"). Pursuant to the first agreement ("Seven Restaurants Agreement"), the contract purchase price was \$2,350,000 and included a repairs and maintenance credit of \$750,000, which must be exhausted within one year. Also pursuant to the Seven Restaurants Agreement, the Company and the Mid-Atlantic Purchasers entered into a line of credit agreement for a maximum of \$750,000 (the "LOC Agreement") on which the Mid-Atlantic Purchasers can draw funds to pay for necessary repairs and maintenance work. The LOC Agreement has a four-year term with interest payable at a rate of 4.25% per annum. As of July 1, 2018, the outstanding balance on the LOC Agreement was approximately \$648,000.

Pursuant to the second agreement (the "Frederick Agreement") to effect the sale of the Company's Frederick, Maryland ("Frederick") restaurant to Capital Blue Ribbon Restaurants, LLC, the contract purchase price for Frederick shall be an amount equal to (i) 50% of the rent, fees, charges, taxes and other amounts payable to the landlord or another third party pursuant to the lease agreement, plus (ii) 50% of that portion of Frederick's EBITDA (as defined in the Frederick APA) attributable to Frederick that exceeds \$25,000 in any 12-month period and \$37,500 in any 18-month period; however, the Company has guaranteed the 12-month and 18-month EBITDA performance of Frederick. The Company expects to recognize a liability and corresponding expense related to this guarantee based on the amount that the Company would owe to the Mid-Atlantic Purchasers in the event that the restaurant was closed.

The Mid-Atlantic Purchasers also purchased the inventory and petty cash on hand of the Mid-Atlantic Restaurants as of the closing date. The transaction resulted in the Company's complete exit from the Mid-Atlantic market. There were no assets or liabilities related to the Mid-Atlantic Restaurants remaining as of July 1, 2018 or December 31, 2017.

The following table provides certain information from the Company's consolidated statements of operations related to the Mid-Atlantic Restaurants:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017
Restaurant sales, net	\$ —	\$ 6,251	\$ —	\$ 11,279
Cost of sales	—	(5,417)	—	(10,048)
General and administrative expenses	—	(51)	—	(96)
Depreciation and amortization	—	(192)	—	(384)
Operating income	—	591	—	751
Loss on disposal attributable to discontinued operations	—	—	—	(2)
Income attributable to discontinued operations, before tax	—	591	—	749
Income attributable to discontinued operations, tax effect	—	(212)	—	(188)
Income attributable to discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ —	\$ 379	\$ —	\$ 561

**(11) Variable Interest Entities**

A variable interest holder is considered to be the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity ("VIE") if it has the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and has the obligation to absorb losses of, or the right to receive benefits from, the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE. Once an entity is determined to be a VIE, the primary beneficiary is required to consolidate the entity. The Company has an installment agreement with one of its franchisees as the result of refranchising its Lincoln, Nebraska restaurant. This franchisee is a VIE; however, the owners of the franchise operations are the primary beneficiaries of the entities, not the Company. Therefore, the franchise operations are not required to be consolidated in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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On August 11, 2015, the Company consummated the sale of its Greenwood, Indiana restaurant. In conjunction with that agreement, the Company entered into a lease assignment agreement with the purchaser and landlord, releasing the Company of its obligations except in the event of default by the purchaser. As of July 1, 2018, the amount of the future lease payments for which the Company would be liable in the event of a default are approximately \$42,000. An accrual related to any future obligation was not considered necessary as of July 1, 2018 as the Company has determined the fair value of this guarantee was zero as there was no indication that the purchasers would not be able to pay the required lease payments. While this franchise meets the definition of a VIE, the owners of the franchise operations are the primary beneficiaries of the entities, not the Company. Therefore, the franchise operations are not required to be consolidated in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

On March 1, 2016, the Company consummated the sale of its Chicago, Illinois-area restaurants. In conjunction with that agreement, the Company entered into lease assignment agreements with the respective purchasers and three of the landlords, releasing the Company of its obligations except in the event of default by the purchasers. As of July 1, 2018, the amount of the future lease payments for which the company would be liable in the event of a default is approximately \$535,000. As of July 1, 2018, the Company had accrued approximately \$499,000 related to the future obligations of these restaurants. While this franchise meets the definition of a VIE, the owners of the franchise operations are the primary beneficiaries of the entities, not the Company. Therefore, the franchise operations are not required to be consolidated in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

On November 1, 2017, the Company sold its Frederick, Maryland restaurant. Pursuant to the terms of the Frederick Agreement, the Company remained the primary obligor of the lease. As of July 1, 2018, the amount of future lease payments for which the Company would be liable in the event of a default are approximately \$665,000. An accrual related to the future lease obligation was not considered necessary as of July 1, 2018. See Note 10 "Discontinued Operations."

**(12) Litigation**

In the normal course of business, the Company is involved in a number of litigation matters that are incidental to the operation of the business. These matters generally include, among other things, matters with regard to employment and general business-related issues. The Company currently believes that the resolution of any of these pending matters will not have a material adverse effect on its financial position or liquidity, but an adverse decision in more than one of the matters could be material to its consolidated results of operations.

The Company filed a complaint on July 14, 2015, against a group of former franchisees in California seeking injunctive relief and damages for: (1) Federal Trademark Infringement; (2) Federal Trademark Dilution; (3) Federal Unfair Competition; (4) Federal Trade Dress Dilution; (5) Trademark Infringement under California Business and Professions Code § 14200; (6) Trademark Dilution under California Business and Professions Code §14200; (7) Common Law Trademark Infringement; (8) Unfair Competition under California Business and Professions Code § 17200; (9) False Advertising; (10) Breach of Contract; (11) Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing; and (12) Intentional Interference with Contract. The claims stem from the former franchisees' breaches of their franchise agreements, including the failure to pay franchise fees and their continued operation of five restaurants utilizing Famous Dave's intellectual property without authorization. After two defendants in the case, Kurt Schneider and M Mart 1, filed a demurrer to the Complaint, Famous Dave's filed an Amended Complaint on October 9, 2015, reasserting the same claims. The case is captioned Famous Dave's of America, Inc., v. SR El Centro FD, Inc., et al., Case No. BC589329, and is currently pending before the Honorable Elihu M. Berle in the Superior Court of Los Angeles. By court order, dated June 6, 2016, Famous Dave's successfully obtained a preliminary injunction, enjoining the former franchisee defendants from using Famous Dave's intellectual property, including its trademarks and restaurant system. The preliminary injunction was the subject of an interlocutory appeal. The appeal was fully briefed and oral argument took place on August 10, 2017. On October 23, 2017, the California Court of Appeal rendered its decision in the appeal in Famous Dave's favor, affirming and upholding in full the trial court's preliminary injunction order. Famous Dave's intends to vigorously pursue all remaining claims in the trial court. No trial date has been set as of yet.

On July 28, 2015, this group of former franchisees (the "Plaintiffs") filed a complaint against Famous Dave's in the South Judicial District of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles. On March 10, 2016, Plaintiffs re-filed this Complaint as a First Amended Cross-Complaint Famous Dave's of America, Inc. v. SR El Centro, Inc., et al., Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Central Division, Case No. BC589329 alleging that Famous Dave's breached the Franchise Agreements for these restaurants by failing to provide certain marketing support and access to customer contact data, vendors, internet reporting and support to Plaintiffs, and failing to provide operations and preferred practices training to Plaintiffs' designated representative. Plaintiffs further allege that such conduct by Famous Dave's is a breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Plaintiffs also allege that Famous Dave's aided and abetted John and Allan Gantes in breach of their fiduciary duty to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs are seeking compensatory damages in amount not less than \$20 million, punitive damages, costs and attorneys' fees. The Company has reserved for a liability with respect to the Plaintiffs' claim in the amount of \$75,000 as of July 1, 2018.



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**(13) Related Party Transactions**

Anand D. Gala is a franchisee of the Company and currently serves as a director of the Company. Mr. Gala is the Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Gala Holdings International, a diversified holding company that conducts consulting, restaurant development and management operations.

Charles Davidson is a franchisee of the Company and is the beneficial owner of approximately 18.7% of the Company's common stock as of the date that these financial statements were available to be issued, by virtue of his ownership interest in Wexford Capital. The Company recently completed a rights offering, in which Wexford Capital purchased 352,845 shares of the Company's common stock.

The following table outlines amounts received from related parties during the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017
Revenues and NAF contributions - Anand Gala	\$ 412	\$ 543	\$ 794	\$ 1,037
Revenues and NAF contributions - Charles Davidson	83	—	158	—

The following table outlines accounts receivable from related parties as of July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	July 1, 2018	December 31, 2017
	Accounts receivable, net - Anand Gala	\$ 296
Accounts receivable, net - Charles Davidson	45	32

**(14) Subsequent Events**

The Company evaluated for the occurrence of subsequent events through the issuance date of the Company's financial statements. No other recognized or non-recognized subsequent events occurred that require recognition or disclosure in the consolidated financial statements, except as noted below.

On July 18, 2018, the Company and Clark Championship Products LLC ("Clark"), an entity owned by Travis Clark, became members of Mercury BBQ LLC ("Mercury") for the purposes of building out and operating the inaugural Clark Crew BBQ restaurant in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (the "Restaurant"). Clark will own 80% of the units outstanding of Mercury and the Company will own 20% of the units outstanding of Mercury. Mercury shall be governed by three managers, two of which will be appointed by the Company and one of which will be appointed by Clark.

Also on July 18, 2018, the Company entered into a secured promissory note in the amount of \$1.4 million (the "Loan") with Mercury, the proceeds of which are required to be used for the build out of the Restaurant. The Loan bears interest at a rate of 10% per annum and requires payments of 100% of the excess monthly cash flows until the Loan and all interest accrued thereon is repaid. The Loan requires a balloon payment of unpaid principal and accrued interest on July 15, 2023 and may be prepaid at any time.

Also on July 18, 2018, the Company and Clark entered into an intellectual property license agreement (the "License Agreement") pursuant to which Clark granted to the Company an exclusive license to use and sublicense the patents, trademarks, trade names, service marks, logos and designs related to Clark Crew BBQ restaurants and products. The term of the License Agreement is indefinite and may only be terminated by mutual written consent, unless the Company breaches the License Agreement.

On July 24, 2018, the Company repaid \$740,000 on its real estate loan.

On July 31, 2018, the Company purchased \$4.0 million in 13-week treasury bills.

On August 6, 2018, the Company took over the operations of the Famous Dave's restaurant in Janesville, Wisconsin from a franchisee. The Company will purchase food, beverage and smallwares inventory on hand in an amount to be determined subsequent to the date that these financial statements were available to be issued. As of the date that these consolidated financial statements were available to be issued, the Company was still reviewing the financial information of the restaurant and, as such, it was impractical to include in these consolidated financial statements the pro forma effect of the acquisition.

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**Item 2. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**Overview**

Famous Dave’s of America, Inc. was incorporated as a Minnesota corporation in March 1994 and opened its first restaurant in Minneapolis in June 1995. The following table summarizes the changes in the number of Company-owned and franchise-operated restaurants for the periods presented:

	<b>Six Months Ended July 1, 2018</b>	<b>Six Months Ended July 2, 2017</b>
Company-owned restaurants:		
Beginning of period	16	37
New	—	—
Refranchised	—	—
Closed	(1)	(5)
End of period	<u>15</u>	<u>32</u>
% of system	10 %	19 %
Franchise-operated restaurants:		
Beginning of period	134	139
New	2	1
Refranchised	—	—
Closed	(1)	(5)
End of period	<u>135</u>	<u>135</u>
% of system	90 %	81 %
System end of period total	<u>150</u>	<u>167</u>

During the six months ended July 1, 2018, we opened two franchise-operated restaurants in El Paso, Texas and Fort Mill, South Carolina.

**Fiscal Year**

Our fiscal year ends on the Sunday closest to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Our fiscal year is generally 52 weeks; however, it periodically consists of 53 weeks. The fiscal years ending December 30, 2018 (fiscal 2018) and December 31, 2017 (fiscal 2017) are both 52 week fiscal years.

**Revenue**

Our revenue consists of restaurant sales, franchise-related revenue, and licensing and other revenue. Our franchise-related revenue is comprised of three separate and distinct earnings processes: area development fees, initial franchise fees, and continuing royalty payments. Currently, our domestic area development fee for domestic growth consists of a one-time, non-refundable payment of approximately \$10,000 per restaurant in consideration for the services we perform in preparation of executing each area development agreement. For our foreign area development agreements, the one time, non-refundable payment is negotiated on a per development basis and is determined based on the costs incurred to arrange for the sale of that development area. Currently, our initial, non-refundable, franchise fee for domestic growth is \$45,000 per restaurant. Finally, franchisees are also required to pay us a monthly royalty equal to a percentage of their net sales. Licensing revenue includes royalties from a retail line of business, including sauces, rubs, marinades and seasonings. Other revenue includes opening assistance and training we provide to our franchise partners.

Beginning in fiscal 2018, we adopted Accounting Standards Codification 606 – *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which changed the way that we recognize revenue related to area development and franchise fees. A more detailed discussion of our implementation can be found in Note 1 “Basis of Presentation” to the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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Restaurant costs and expenses include food and beverage costs; labor and benefits costs; operating expenses, which include occupancy costs, repair and maintenance costs, supplies, advertising and promotion. Certain of these costs and expenses are variable and will increase or decrease with sales volume. The primary fixed costs are restaurant management salaries and occupancy costs.

**General and Administrative Expenses**

General and administrative expenses include all corporate and administrative functions to support future growth. Salaries and benefits, legal fees, accounting fees, professional consulting fees, travel, rent and general insurance are major items in this category. We also provide franchise services for which the revenue is included in other revenue and the expenses are included in general and administrative expenses.

**Results of Operations – the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 compared to the three and six months ended July 2, 2017.**

The following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and notes, and the audited consolidated financial statements and notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

The following table presents items in our unaudited consolidated statements of operations as a percentage of net restaurant sales or total revenue, as indicated, for the periods presented:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Six Months Ended</b>	
	<b>July 1, 2018</b>	<b>July 2, 2017</b>	<b>July 1, 2018</b>	<b>July 2, 2017</b>
Food and beverage costs <sup>(1)</sup>	31.1 %	29.9 %	31.2 %	30.1 %
Labor and benefits costs <sup>(1)</sup>	33.8 %	35.2 %	35.1 %	36.1 %
Operating expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	29.1 %	28.9 %	30.7 %	30.2 %
Restaurant level operating margin <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	6.0 %	6.0 %	3.0 %	3.5 %
Depreciation and amortization expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	2.1 %	2.8 %	2.6 %	3.1 %
General and administrative <sup>(2)</sup>	14.5 %	18.3 %	14.6 %	22.3 %
Income (loss) from continuing operations <sup>(2)</sup>	13.7 %	(12.1)%	12.6 %	(12.4)%

(1) As a percentage of restaurant sales, net

(2) As a percentage of total revenue

(3) Restaurant level margins are equal to restaurant sales, net, less restaurant level food and beverage costs, labor and benefit costs, and operating expenses.

**Same Store Net Sales**

It is our policy to include in our same store net sales base, restaurants that are open year round and have been open at least 24 months. Same store net sales for Company-owned restaurants for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 increased 1.2% and 3.2%, respectively, compared to the three and six months ended July 2, 2017. Same store net sales for Company-owned restaurants for the three and six months ended July 2, 2017 decreased 2.2% and 0.6% compared to 2016, respectively. As of July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017, there were 15 and 32 restaurants in the same store sales base, respectively.

Same store net sales for franchise-operated restaurants for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 declined 1.9% and 1.6% compared to the three and six months ended July 2, 2017, respectively. Same store net sales for franchise-operated restaurants for the three and six months ended July 2, 2017 declined 5.1% and 4.2% compared to the comparable periods in 2016, respectively.

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**Total Revenue**

Our components of and changes in revenue consisted of the following for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended</b>			
	<b>July 1, 2018</b>	<b>July 2, 2017</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Restaurant sales, net	\$ 9,955	\$ 14,714	\$ (4,759)	(32.3)%
Franchise royalty and fee revenue	3,753	4,039	(286)	(7.1)%
Franchisee national advertising fund contributions	529	—	529	100.0 %
Licensing and other revenue	301	297	4	1.3 %
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$ 14,538</b>	<b>\$ 19,050</b>	<b>\$ (4,512)</b>	<b>(23.7)%</b>

	<b>Six Months Ended</b>			
	<b>July 1, 2018</b>	<b>July 2, 2017</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Restaurant sales, net	\$ 18,668	\$ 27,663	\$ (8,995)	(32.5)%
Franchise royalty and fee revenue	7,161	7,821	(660)	(8.4)%
Franchisee national advertising fund contributions	998	—	998	100.0
Licensing and other revenue	555	514	41	8.0 %
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$ 27,382</b>	<b>\$ 35,998</b>	<b>\$ (8,616)</b>	<b>(23.9)%</b>

**Restaurant Sales, net**

The decline in year-over-year restaurant sales, net for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 was primarily a result of the closure of nine Company-owned restaurants. The impact of these closures was partially offset by a 1.2% and 3.2% increase in same-store sales for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018, respectively.

On a weighted basis, Dine-In and Catering sales decreased by 1.5% and 0.3%, respectively, while To-Go sales increased by 3.0%, for the three months ended July 1, 2018 driven by third-party delivery sales. As a percentage of Dine-In sales, our adult beverage sales at our Company-owned restaurants were approximately 11.4% and 11.5% for the three months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017, respectively.

On a weighted basis, Dine-In and Catering sales decreased by 1.0% and 0.3%, respectively, while To-Go sales increased by 4.5%, for the six months ended July 1, 2018, driven by third-party delivery sales. As a percentage of Dine-In sales, our adult beverage sales at our Company-owned restaurants were approximately 11.9% and 11.7% for the six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017, respectively, an increase of 1.1%.

**Franchise-Related Revenue, including national advertising fund contributions**

The declines in franchise-related revenue for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 was primarily related to a decline in franchise-operated same store sales of 1.9% and 1.6%, respectively, and royalty abatements agreed upon to facilitate the transfer of certain of our franchise-operated restaurants to new operators. These operators have committed to investing necessary resources to refresh the transferred stores.

In fiscal 2017, we rolled out several initiatives, aimed at driving traffic and improving sales, to our Company-owned stores that are in various stages of implementation throughout our franchise system. Additionally, we continue to focus our resources on innovations to provide new avenues for our franchisees to improve their net sales and operating performance. We also believe that the strategic, temporary royalty abatement on certain of the stores in our system that transferred to new owners in 2017, to allow these owners to invest in necessary repairs and maintenance work, will help to improve those stores' performance in the future.

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**Licensing and Other Revenue**

For the three and six months ended July 1, 2018, licensing and other revenue was approximately \$301,000 and \$555,000, respectively, compared to approximately \$297,000 and \$514,000, respectively, for the comparable periods of fiscal 2017, an increase of approximately 1.3% and 8.0% for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018, respectively.

**Average Weekly Net Sales and Operating Weeks**

The following table shows Company-owned and franchise-operated average weekly net sales and Company-owned and franchise-operated operating weeks for the periods presented:

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>		<u>Six Months Ended</u>	
	<u>July 1, 2018</u>	<u>July 2, 2017</u>	<u>July 1, 2018</u>	<u>July 2, 2017</u>
<b>Average Weekly Net Sales (AWS):</b>				
Franchise-Operated <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 50,566	\$ 51,538	\$ 48,184	\$ 48,962
Company-Owned	50,242	48,355	45,964	43,435
Full-Service	54,336	49,922	49,448	44,702
Counter-Service	41,858	39,467	38,562	35,964
<b>Operating Weeks:</b>				
Franchise-Operated	1,755	1,745	3,497	3,520
Company-Owned	198	434	406	897

- (1) AWS for franchise-operated restaurants are not our revenues and are not included in our consolidated financial statements. We believe that disclosure of comparable restaurant net sales for franchise-operated restaurants provides useful information to investors because historical performance and trends of Famous Dave's franchisees relate directly to trends in franchise royalty revenues that we receive from such franchisees and have an impact on the perceived success and value of the Famous Dave's brand. It also provides a comparison against which management and investors can analyze the extent to which Company-owned restaurants are realizing their revenue potential.

**Food and Beverage Costs**

Our food and beverage costs consisted of the following for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017:

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>			
	<u>July 1, 2018</u>	<u>July 2, 2017</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>				
Food and beverage costs	\$ 3,099	\$ 4,404	\$ (1,305)	(29.6)%

  

	<u>Six Months Ended</u>			
	<u>July 1, 2018</u>	<u>July 2, 2017</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Food and beverage costs	\$ 5,816	\$ 8,338	\$ (2,522)	(30.2)%

Food and beverage costs for the three months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017 represented approximately 31.1% and 29.9% of net restaurant sales, respectively. Food and beverage costs for the six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017 represented approximately 31.2% and 30.1%, respectively. This year-over-year increase, as a percentage of net restaurant sales, was primarily driven by commodity cost inflation.

**Labor and Benefits Costs**

Our labor and benefits costs consisted of the following for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017:

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>			
	<u>July 1, 2018</u>	<u>July 2, 2017</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>				
Labor and benefits costs	\$ 3,361	\$ 5,176	\$ (1,815)	(35.1)%

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	Six Months Ended			
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017	\$ Change	% Change
Labor and benefits costs	\$ 6,557	\$ 9,984	\$ (3,427)	(34.3)%

Labor and benefits costs for the three months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017 represented approximately 33.8% and 35.2% of net restaurant sales, respectively. Labor and benefits costs for the six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017 represented approximately 35.1% and 36.1% of net restaurant sales, respectively. The year-over-year declines, as a percentage of net restaurant sales, were primarily driven by efficiencies realized via the implementation of our optimal labor scheduling platform that helps managers to more effectively and efficiently schedule front of house and back of house labor. We expect future increases to labor and benefits costs, as a percentage of net restaurant sales, due to the national trend to increase minimum wages.

**Operating Expenses**

Our operating expenses consisted of the following for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended			
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017	\$ Change	% Change
Operating expenses	\$ 2,894	\$ 4,256	\$ (1,362)	(32.0)%

	Six Months Ended			
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017	\$ Change	% Change
Operating expenses	\$ 5,735	\$ 8,362	\$ (2,627)	(31.4)%

Operating expenses for the three months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017 represented approximately 29.1% and 28.9% of net restaurant sales, respectively. Operating expenses for the six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017 represented approximately 30.7% and 30.2% of net restaurant sales, respectively. The primary drivers of the increase, as a percentage of net restaurant sales, were increased repairs and maintenance and advertising expenses, as well as a smaller restaurant base over which fixed costs are allocated. As we prioritize refreshing our brand and restaurants, we expect that our other restaurant operating expenses will be elevated, as a percentage of net restaurant sales, compared to the prior year.

**Depreciation and Amortization**

Depreciation and amortization expense for the three months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017 represented approximately 2.1% and 2.8% of total revenues, respectively. Depreciation and amortization expense for the six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017 represented approximately 2.6% and 3.1% of total revenues, respectively.

**General and Administrative Expenses**

Our general and administrative expenses consisted of the following for the three and six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended			
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017	\$ Change	% Change
General and administrative expenses	\$ 2,111	\$ 3,494	\$ (1,383)	(39.6)%

	Six Months Ended			
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017	\$ Change	% Change
General and administrative expenses	\$ 3,985	\$ 8,042	\$ (4,057)	(50.4)%

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General and administrative expenses for the three months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017 represented approximately 14.5% and 18.3% of total revenues, respectively. General and administrative expenses for the six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017 represented approximately 14.6% and 22.3% of total revenues, respectively. In November 2017, we disclosed our intention to align our general and administrative expense structure to be commensurate with that of a more dedicated franchisor, and reduce overhead strategically as we reduced our Company-owned restaurant count from 37 restaurants at the beginning of fiscal 2017 to 16 restaurants at the beginning of fiscal 2018. The decreases to general and administrative expenses primarily related to reduced legal and professional fees, occupancy costs at our corporate office and compensation expense. We also incurred elevated severance expenses during the three and six months ended July 2, 2017, that did not recur for the comparable periods in fiscal 2018.

***Asset Impairment, Estimated Lease Termination and Other Closing Costs***

The following is a summary of the asset impairment, estimated lease termination and other closings costs we incurred for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017	July 1, 2018	July 2, 2017
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>				
Asset impairments, net	\$ 2	\$ 3,098	\$ 152	\$ 3,042
Lease termination (income) charges and related costs	90	353	(343)	1,535
Restaurant closure expenses	124	22	303	29
Asset impairment, estimated lease termination charges and other closing costs	\$ 216	\$ 3,473	\$ 112	\$ 4,606

During the three months ended July 1, 2018, we closed one Company-owned restaurant in Brick, New Jersey and completed the sale of a vacant property in Richmond, Virginia. Asset impairments, net during the six months ended July 1, 2018 are primarily related to these two events. Lease termination charges during the three months ended July 1, 2018 resulted from terminating the lease on our Brick, New Jersey restaurant, partially offset by deferred rent credits recognized in full. Lease termination income for the six months ended July 1, 2018 related to our success in settling lease disputes with landlords of closed stores for less than anticipated. Restaurant closure expenses are expenses incurred for travel and other charges related to closing restaurants, as well as ongoing expenses incurred after a restaurant is fully closed.

***Other Expense, Net***

Other expense, net for the three months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017 consisted of interest expense of approximately \$197,000 and \$170,000, respectively. During the three months ended July 1, 2018, we recognized approximately \$20,000 of interest income to offset the interest expense. Interest expense was higher during the three months ended July 1, 2018 due to previously deferred financing costs written off upon the full repayment of our term loan in June 2018.

Other expense, net for the six months ended July 1, 2018 and July 2, 2017 consisted of interest expense of approximately \$342,000 and \$357,000, respectively. During the six months ended July 1, 2018, we recognized approximately \$25,000 of interest income to offset the interest expense. Interest expense was lower during the six months ended July 1, 2018 due to a lower average outstanding debt balance, partially offset by previously deferred financing costs written off upon the full repayment of our term loan in June 2018.

***Income Tax (Expense) Benefit***

Income tax expense for the three months ended July 1, 2018 was approximately \$420,000, or 23.2% of our pretax income. Income tax benefit for the three months ended July 2, 2017 was approximately \$839,000, or 33.8% of our pretax loss. Income tax expense for the six months ended July 1, 2018 was approximately \$741,000, or 23.7% of our pretax income. Income tax benefit for the six months ended July 2, 2017 was approximately \$1.7 million, or 36.2% of our pretax loss. The decrease in the effective tax rate was primarily a result of tax reform, signed into law on December 22, 2017, which decreased our federal statutory tax rate from 34.0% to 21.0%.

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### ***Basic and Diluted Net Income (Loss) per Common Share***

Net income for the three months ended July 1, 2018 was approximately \$1.4 million, or \$0.16 per basic and diluted share. The basic and diluted weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the three months ended July 1, 2018 was 8,809,000 and 8,835,000, respectively. Net loss from continuing operations for the three months ended July 2, 2017 was approximately \$1.6 million, or (\$0.24) per basic and diluted share. Net income from discontinued operations per basic and diluted share for the three months ended July 2, 2017 was \$0.05 per basic and diluted share. There were 6,955,000 basic and diluted weighted-average shares outstanding for the three months ended July 2, 2017.

Net income for the six months ended July 1, 2018 was approximately \$2.4 million, or \$0.29 per basic and diluted share. The basic and diluted weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the six months ended July 1, 2018 was 8,108,000 and 8,131,000, respectively. Net loss from continuing operations for the six months ended July 2, 2017 was approximately \$3.1 million, or (\$0.44) per basic and diluted share. Net income from discontinued operations per basic and diluted share for the six months ended July 2, 2017 was \$0.08 per basic and diluted share. There were 6,955,000 basic and diluted weighted-average shares outstanding for the six months ended July 2, 2017.

### **Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our balance of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents was approximately \$10.3 million and \$8.8 million as of July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. On April 16, 2018, we sold 1,581,831 shares of common stock at \$3.50 per share, from which we received total gross proceeds of approximately \$5.5 million. We expect to utilize cash on hand to reinvest into our brand, including refreshing current corporate stores and the development of a new concept. During the three months ended July 1, 2018, we fully repaid our term loan. Subsequent to July 1, 2018, we entered into agreements with Clark Championship Products LLC to develop the Clark Crew BBQ restaurant concept, which we also have the exclusive licensing rights to the Clark Crew BBQ brand. Pursuant to that agreement, we will provide financing in the amount of \$1.4 million for the build out of the inaugural Clark Crew BBQ restaurant. We also repaid an additional \$740,000 on our real estate loan and invested \$4.0 million in short-term treasury bills.

Our current ratio, which measures our immediate short-term liquidity, was 2.03 as of July 1, 2018, compared with 1.62 as of December 31, 2017. The current ratio is computed by dividing total current assets by total current liabilities. The increase in our current ratio was primarily due to increases in our cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable, net balance and decreases in our accounts payable, accrued compensation and benefits and other current liabilities balances, partially offset by increases in the current portion of long-term debt and financing lease obligations and decreases in restricted cash and prepaid income taxes and income taxes receivable.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the six months ended July 1, 2018 was approximately \$1.4 million, which reflects net income of approximately \$2.4 million increased by non-cash charges of approximately \$375,000. Changes in operating assets and liabilities for the six months ended July 1, 2018 primarily included cash outflows for other liabilities of \$334,000, accounts payable of \$851,000 and accrued compensation and benefits of \$762,000. These cash outflows were partially offset by cash inflows related to a decrease in restricted cash of \$321,000 and a decrease in prepaid income taxes and income taxes receivable of \$689,000.

Net cash provided by continuing operating activities for the six months ended July 2, 2017 was approximately \$1.2 million, reflecting a net loss from continuing operations of approximately \$3.0 million increased by non-cash charges of approximately \$6.0 million. Changes in operating assets and liabilities included cash outflows from an increase in prepaid income taxes and income taxes receivable of \$1.5 million, other current liabilities of \$763,000 and prepaid expenses and other current assets of \$531,000. These cash outflows were partially offset by an increase in accounts payable of approximately \$619,000 and an increase in accrued compensation and benefits of \$527,000. We also had cash inflows from discontinued operating activities of \$894,000.

Net cash provided by investing activities was approximately \$249,000 for the six months ended July 1, 2018, related to proceeds from the sale of Virginia Commons and a liquor license of \$1.2 million, partially offset by advances on notes receivable of \$648,000 and the purchase of property, equipment and leasehold improvements of \$290,000. Net cash used for continuing investing activities was \$234,000 for the six months ended July 2, 2017, related to the purchases of property and equipment. We also had cash outflows for discontinued investing activities of \$42,000.

Net cash used for financing activities for the six months ended July 1, 2018 of \$131,000, primarily related to the debt repayments of \$5.8 million, partially offset by proceeds, net of offering costs, from our successful rights offering of \$5.1 million as well as proceeds from the exercise of stock options of approximately \$494,000. Net cash used for financing activities for the six months ended July 2, 2017 of \$928,000, primarily related to the debt repayments of \$913,000 and payments of debt issuance costs of \$15,000.



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We are subject to various financial and non-financial covenants on our long-term debt, including a debt-service coverage ratio. As of December 31, 2017, we were in compliance with all of our covenants.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that either have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on our financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that is material to investors.

### Critical Accounting Policies

Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 "Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies" to the consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. Except as disclosed in Note 1 "Basis of Presentation" to the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements, there have been no updates to our critical accounting policies.

### Forward-Looking Information

Famous Dave's makes written and oral statements from time to time, including statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q regarding its business and prospects, such as projections of future performance, statements of management's plans and objectives, forecasts of market trends and other matters that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Sections 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Act of 1934. Statements containing the words or phrases "will likely result", "anticipates", "are expected to", "will continue", "is anticipated", "estimates", "projects", "believes", "expects", "intends", "target", "goal", "plans", "objective", "should" or similar expressions identify forward-looking statements which may appear in documents, reports, filings with the SEC, news releases, written or oral presentations made by our officers or other representatives to analysts, shareholders, investors, news organizations, and others, and discussions with our management and other Company representatives. For such statements, including those contained in this report, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Our future results, including results related to forward-looking statements, involve a number of risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict, including but not limited to those identified herein under Part II, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" and under Part I, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. No assurance can be given that the results reflected in any forward-looking statements will be achieved. Any forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf speak only as of the date on which such statement is made. Our forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions that are sometimes based upon estimates, data, communications and other information from suppliers, government agencies and other sources that may be subject to revision. We do not undertake any obligation to update or keep current either (i) any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances arising after the date of such statement, or (ii) the important factors that could cause our future results to differ materially from historical results or trends, results anticipated or planned by us, or which are reflected from time to time in any forward-looking statement which may be made by us or on our behalf.

### Additional Information on Famous Dave's

We are currently subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. As a result, we are required to file periodic reports and other information with the SEC, such as annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy and information statements. You are advised to read this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q in conjunction with the other reports, proxy statements and other documents we file from time to time with the SEC. If you would like more information regarding Famous Dave's, you may read and copy the reports, proxy and information statements and other documents we file with the SEC, at prescribed rates, at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. You may obtain information regarding the operation of the SEC's public reference rooms by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our SEC filings are also available to the public free of charge at the SEC's website. The address of this website is <http://www.sec.gov>. Our most current SEC filings, such as our annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and press releases are available to the public free of charge on our website.

The address of our website is <http://www.famousdaves.com>. Our website is not intended to be, and is not, a part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We will provide electronic or paper copies of our SEC filings (excluding exhibits) to any Famous Dave's shareholder free of charge upon receipt of a written request for any such filing. All requests for our SEC filings should be sent to the attention of Investor Relations at Famous Dave's of America, Inc., 12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 190, Minnetonka, MN 55343.

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**Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Not applicable to smaller reporting companies.

**Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined under Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective due to a material weakness identified as of December 31, 2017 and reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. Management believes that the consolidated financial statements contained herein present fairly, in all material respects, our financial position as of the specified dates and our results of operations and cash flows for the specified periods.

We have begun to implement our remediation plan with respect to the previously identified material weakness via the addition of steps to a management review control surrounding the preparation of our tax provision. We also intend to continue to work towards utilizing a tax software to lessen our reliance on Microsoft Excel to prepare our quarterly and annual tax provision. We expect to remediate the previously identified material weakness as of December 30, 2018 when we finalize our tax provision for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2018.

Effective January 1, 2018, we implemented ASU 2014-09 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). We implemented changes to our controls related to revenue. These changes included the development of new policies based on the five-step model provided in the new revenue standard, enhanced contract review requirements, and other ongoing monitoring activities. These controls were designed to provide assurance at a reasonable level of the fair presentation of our financial statements and related disclosures. There was no other change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the period covered by this quarterly report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

The information contained in Note 12 "Litigation" of the notes to the accompanying consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is incorporated by reference into this Item 1. Except as set forth therein, as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, we are not a party to any material pending legal proceedings.

**Item 1A. RISK FACTORS.**

The most significant risk factors applicable to the Company are described in Part I, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on March 5, 2018, as updated by this Part II, Item 1A "Risk Factors" and our subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. There have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Item 5. OTHER INFORMATION.**

None.

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**Item 6. EXHIBITS**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	<a href="#">Secured Promissory Note, dated July 18, 2018 between Mercury BBQ LLC and Famous Dave’s of America, Inc.</a>
10.2	<a href="#">Intellectual Property License Agreement, dated July 18, 2018 among Travis Clark, Clark Championship Products LLC and Famous Dave’s of America, Inc. [Portion of this Exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment.]</a>
31.1	<a href="#">Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</a>
31.2	<a href="#">Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</a>
32.1	<a href="#">Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</a>
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Presentation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**FAMOUS DAVE'S OF AMERICA, INC.  
("Registrant")**

Dated: August 13, 2018

By: /s/ Jeffery Crivello  
Jeffery Crivello  
Chief Executive Officer and Director  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Dated: August 13, 2018

/s/ Paul M. Malazita  
Paul M. Malazita  
Interim Chief Financial Officer and Secretary  
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

## SECURED PROMISSORY NOTE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, MERCURY BBQ LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “**Borrower**”), hereby unconditionally promises to pay to the order of Famous Dave’s of America, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, or its assigns (the “**Noteholder**”, and together with the Borrower, the “**Parties**”), the principal amount of \$1,400,000 (the “**Loan**”) or the aggregate of such amounts the Noteholder has disbursed to the Co-Borrowers pursuant to Section 2.2, together with all accrued interest thereon, as provided in this Promissory Note (the “**Note**”).

1. Definitions. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth in this Section 1.

“**Affiliate**” means as to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, is in control of, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person. For purposes of this definition, “control” of a Person means the power, directly or indirectly, either to (a) vote 10% or more of the securities having ordinary voting power for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such Person or (b) direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether by contract or otherwise.

“**Anti-Terrorism Law**” means any Law related to money laundering or financing terrorism including the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56) (the “**USA PATRIOT Act**”), the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 5311-5330 and 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(s), 1820(b) and 1951-1959) (also known as the “**Bank Secrecy Act**”), the Trading With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., as amended) and Executive Order 13224 (effective September 24, 2001).

“**Applicable Rate**” means the rate equal to 10% per annum.

“**Borrower**” has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph.

“**Business Day**” means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York, New York are authorized or required by law to close.

“**Cash**” means with respect to the Borrower, money, currency or a credit balance in any deposit account (as such term is defined in the UCC).

“**Commitment Period**” means the period from the date hereof to the date that is 30 days after the date hereof.

“**Current Liabilities**” means as at any date of determination, the total liabilities of the Borrower that may properly be classified as current liabilities in conformity with GAAP, excluding the current portion of long term debt.

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**“Debt”** of the Borrower, means all (a) indebtedness for borrowed money; (b) obligations for the deferred purchase price of property or services, except trade payables arising in the ordinary course of business; (c) obligations evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures or other similar instruments; (d) obligations as lessee under capital leases; (e) obligations in respect of any interest rate swaps, currency exchange agreements, commodity swaps, caps, collar agreements or similar arrangements entered into by the Borrower providing for protection against fluctuations in interest rates, currency exchange rates or commodity prices or the exchange of nominal interest obligations, either generally or under specific contingencies; (f) obligations under acceptance facilities and letters of credit; (g) guaranties, endorsements (other than for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business), and other contingent obligations to purchase, to provide funds for payment, to supply funds to invest in any Person, or otherwise to assure a creditor against loss, in each case, in respect of indebtedness set out in clauses (a) through (f) of a Person other than the Borrower; and (h) indebtedness set out in clauses (a) through (g) of any Person other than Borrower secured by any lien on any asset of the Borrower, whether or not such indebtedness has been assumed by the Borrower.

**“Default”** means any of the events specified in Section 9 which constitutes an Event of Default or which, upon the giving of notice, the lapse of time, or both pursuant to Section 9 would, unless cured or waived, become an Event of Default.

**“Default Rate”** means, at any time, 18% per annum.

**“Event of Default”** has the meaning set forth in Section 9.

**“Excess Cash Flow”** means, with respect to the Borrower, for any period, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) Operating Cash at the end of such period over (b) the Operating Cash Requirement.

**“GAAP”** means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect from time to time.

**“Governmental Authority”** means the government of any nation or any political subdivision thereof, whether at the national, state, territorial, provincial, municipal or any other level, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of, or pertaining to, government.

**“IP Developer”** means Clark Championship Products LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company.

**“Law”** as to any Person, means any law (including common law), statute, ordinance, treaty, rule, regulation, policy or requirement of any Governmental Authority and authoritative interpretations thereon, whether now or hereafter in effect, in each case, applicable to or binding on such Person or any of its properties or to which such Person or any of its properties is subject.

“**Lien**” means any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge or other security interest.

“**Loan**” has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph.

“**Material Adverse Effect**” means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, assets, properties, liabilities (actual or contingent), operations, condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of the Borrower; (b) the validity or enforceability of the Note or Security Agreement; (c) the perfection or priority of any Lien purported to be created under the Security Agreement; (d) the rights or remedies of the Noteholder hereunder or under the Security Agreement; or (e) the Borrower’s ability to perform any of its material obligations hereunder or under the Security Agreement.

“**Maturity Date**” means the earlier of (a) July 15, 2023 and (b) the date on which all amounts under this Note shall become due and payable pursuant to Section 3.

“**Note**” has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph.

“**Noteholder**” has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph.

“**Operating Cash**” means with respect to the Borrower, at any time, an amount equal to (a) Cash plus equivalents (including, credit card receivables) minus (b) the sum of (i) any amount accrued to pay taxes and (ii) those portions of Current Liabilities that are overdue or otherwise aged beyond thirty (30) days.

“**Operating Cash Requirement**” means \$ 250,000.

“**Order**” as to any Person, means any order, decree, judgment, writ, injunction, settlement agreement, requirement or determination of an arbitrator or a court or other Governmental Authority, in each case, applicable to or binding on such Person or any of its properties or to which such Person or any of its properties is subject.

“**Parties**” has the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph.

“**Permitted Debt**” means Debt (a) existing or arising under this Note and any refinancing thereof; (b) existing as of the date of this Note; (c) which may be deemed to exist with respect to swap contracts; (d) owed in respect of any netting services, overdrafts and related liabilities arising from treasury, depository and cash management services in connection with any automated clearinghouse transfers of funds; and (e) unsecured insurance premiums owing in the ordinary course of business.

“**Person**” means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, limited or general partnership, unincorporated organization, Governmental Authority or other entity.

“**Sanctions**” means, sanctions administered or enforced by the US Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), US Department of State, or other relevant sanctions authority.

“**Security Agreement**” means the Security Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by the Borrower and IP Developer in favor of Noteholder, as may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with its terms.

“**USA PATRIOT Act**” has the meaning set forth in the definition of Anti-Terrorism Law.

2. Loan Disbursement Mechanics.

2.1 Commitment. Subject to Section 2.2, the Noteholder shall loan Borrower an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount of the Loan.

2.2 Condition Precedent to Disbursement. As a condition precedent to the making of the Loan pursuant to this Note, Noteholder and Borrower shall negotiate and execute a mutually acceptable license agreement regarding the license and use by Noteholder of certain CLARK CREW BBQ intellectual property developed by IP Developer and other terms deemed necessary and customary by Noteholder and Borrower. The acceptance by Borrower of funds constituting the Loan, when and if such Loan is made by Noteholder, shall be deemed a representation and warranty by Borrower that since the date of this Note there has been no Material Adverse Effect and all of Borrower’s representations and warranties herein remain and in the Security Agreement are true and correct as if made on the date of the disbursement of the proceeds representing the Loan. Noteholder shall have no obligation to make the Loan if the condition precedent described in this Section 2.2 is not satisfied on or before the expiration of the Commitment Period.

2.3 Use of Proceeds. The Borrower shall use the proceeds of the Loan solely for build-out of the CLARK CREW BBQ restaurant located at 3510 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112 (the “**Restaurant**”) using trade dress and other intellectual property developed by IP Developer for the CLARK’S CREW BBQ restaurant brand and working capital needed for the operation of such business.

3. Payment Terms: Optional Prepayments.

3.1 Balloon Payment. The aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Loan, all accrued and unpaid interest and all other amounts payable under this Note shall be due and payable on the Maturity Date.

3.2 Prepayments.

(a) Mandatory Prepayments. In the event there shall be Excess Cash Flow for any one-month period, commencing with the one-month period beginning on the date that is one month after the date on which the Restaurant opens for business, the



Borrower shall prepay the Loan in an aggregate amount equal to 100% of such Excess Cash Flow. No prepaid amount may be reborrowed.

(b) Optional Prepayments. The Borrower may prepay the Loan in whole or in part at any time or from time to time without penalty or premium by paying the principal amount to be prepaid together with accrued interest thereon to the date of prepayment. No prepaid amount may be reborrowed.

3.3 Security Agreement. The Borrower's performance of its obligations hereunder is secured by a first priority security interest in the collateral specified in the Security Agreements (the "**Collateral**").

4. Interest.

4.1 Interest Rate. Except as otherwise provided herein, the outstanding principal amount of the Loan made hereunder shall bear interest at the Applicable Rate from the date the Loan was made until the Loan is paid in full, whether at maturity, upon acceleration, by prepayment or otherwise.

4.2 Interest Payment Dates. All accrued and unpaid interest shall be due and payable on the Maturity Date.

4.3 Default Interest. If any amount payable hereunder is not paid when due (without regard to any applicable grace periods), whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, such overdue amount shall bear interest at the Default Rate from the date of such non-payment until such amount is paid in full.

4.4 Computation of Interest. All computations of interest shall be made on the basis of a year of 365/366 days, as the case may be, and the actual number of days elapsed. Interest shall accrue on the Loan on the day on which such Loan is made, and shall not accrue on the Loan for the day on which it is paid.

4.5 Interest Rate Limitation. If at any time and for any reason whatsoever, the interest rate payable on the Loan shall exceed the maximum rate of interest permitted to be charged by the Noteholder to the Borrower under applicable Law, such interest rate shall be reduced automatically to the maximum rate of interest permitted to be charged under applicable Law and that portion of each sum paid attributable to that portion of such interest rate that exceeds the maximum rate of interest permitted by applicable Law shall be deemed a voluntary prepayment of principal.

5. Payment Mechanics.

5.1 Manner of Payments. All payments of interest and principal shall be made in lawful money of the United States of America no later than 12:00 PM on the date on which such payment is due by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the Noteholder's account at a bank specified by the Noteholder in writing to the Borrower from time to time.

5.2 Application of Payments. All payments made hereunder shall be applied first to the payment of any fees or charges outstanding hereunder, second to accrued interest, and third to the payment of the principal amount outstanding under the Note.

5.3 Business Day Convention. Whenever any payment to be made hereunder shall be due on a day that is not a Business Day, such payment shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and such extension will be taken into account in calculating the amount of interest payable under this Note.

5.4 Rescission of Payments. If at any time any payment made by the Borrower under this Note is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of the Borrower or otherwise, the Borrower's obligation to make such payment shall be reinstated as though such payment had not been made.

6. Representations and Warranties. The Borrower hereby represents and warrants to the Noteholder on the date hereof as follows:

6.1 Existence; Compliance with Laws. The Borrower is (a) a limited liability company duly formed in Delaware, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its jurisdiction of organization and has the requisite power and authority, and the legal right, to own, lease and operate its properties and assets and to conduct its business as it is now being conducted and (b) in compliance with all Laws and Orders except to the extent that the failure to comply therewith would not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.2 Power and Authority. The Borrower has the power and authority, and the legal right, to execute and deliver this Note and the Security Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder.

6.3 Authorization; Execution and Delivery. The execution and delivery of this Note by the Borrower and the performance of its obligations hereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary limited liability company action in accordance with all applicable Laws. The Borrower has duly executed and delivered this Note.

6.4 No Approvals. No consent or authorization of, filing with, notice to or other act by, or in respect of, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is required in order for the Borrower to execute, deliver, or perform any of its obligations under this Note.

6.5 No Violations. The execution and delivery of this Note and the Security Agreement and the consummation by the Borrower of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby do not and will not (a) violate any provision of the Borrower's organizational documents; (b) violate any Law or Order applicable to the Borrower or by which any of its properties or assets may be bound; or (c) constitute a default under any material agreement or contract by which the Borrower may be bound.

6.6 Enforceability. Each of the Note and the Security Agreement is a valid, legal and binding obligation of the Borrower, enforceable against the Borrower in accordance with

its terms except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general equitable principles (whether enforcement is sought by proceedings in equity or at law).

6.7 No Litigation. No action, suit, litigation, investigation or proceeding of, or before, any arbitrator or Governmental Authority is pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened by or against the Borrower or any of its property or assets (a) with respect to the Note, the Security Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or (b) that could be expected to materially adversely affect the Borrower's financial condition or the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under the Note or the Security Agreement.

6.8 USA PATRIOT Act, OFAC and Other Regulations.

(a) Neither the Borrower nor, to the knowledge of the Borrower, any of its Affiliates or any of their respective officers, directors, brokers or agents (i) has violated any Anti-Terrorism Laws or (ii) has engaged in any transaction, investment, undertaking or activity that conceals the identity, source or destination of the proceeds from any category of prohibited offenses designated by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering.

(b) Neither the Borrower nor, to the knowledge of the Borrower, any of its Affiliates or any of their respective officers, directors, brokers or agents is a Person that is, or is owned or controlled by Persons that are: (i) the subject of any Sanctions, or (ii) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is, or whose government is, the subject of Sanctions, including currently, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria.

(c) Neither the Borrower nor, to the knowledge of the Borrower any of its Affiliates or any of their respective officers, directors, brokers or agents acting or benefiting in any capacity in connection with the Loan (i) conducts any business or engages in making or receiving any contribution of goods, services or money to or for the benefit of any Person, or in any country or territory, that is the subject of any Sanctions, (ii) deals in, or otherwise engages in any transaction related to, any property or interests in property blocked pursuant to any Anti-Terrorism Law or (iii) engages in or conspires to engage in any transaction that evades or avoids, or has the purpose of evading or avoiding, or attempts to violate, any of the prohibitions set forth in any Anti-Terrorism Law.

7. Affirmative Covenants. Until all amounts outstanding in this Note have been paid in full, the Borrower shall:

7.1 Maintenance of Existence. (a) Preserve, renew and maintain in full force and effect its corporate or organizational existence and (b) take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its

business, except, in each case, where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

7.2 Compliance. Comply with (a) all of the terms and provisions of its organizational documents; (b) its obligations under its material contracts and agreements; and (c) all Laws and Orders applicable to it and its business, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

7.3 Payment Obligations. Pay, discharge or otherwise satisfy at or before maturity or before they become delinquent, as the case may be, all its material obligations of whatever nature, except where the amount or validity thereof is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, and reserves in conformity with GAAP with respect thereto have been provided on its books.

7.4 Notice of Events of Default. As soon as possible and in any event within two 2 Business Days after it becomes aware that a Default or an Event of Default has occurred, notify the Noteholder in writing of the nature and extent of such Default or Event of Default and the action, if any, it has taken or proposes to take with respect to such Default or Event of Default.

7.5 Further Assurances. Upon the request of the Noteholder, promptly execute and deliver such further instruments and do or cause to be done such further acts as may be necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purposes of this Note and the Security Agreement.

8. Negative Covenants. Until all amounts outstanding under this Note have been paid in full, the Borrower shall not:

8.1 Indebtedness. Incur, create or assume any Debt, other than Permitted Debt.

8.2 Liens. Incur, create, assume or suffer to exist any Lien on any of its property or assets, whether now owned or hereinafter acquired except for (a) Liens for taxes not yet due or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; and (b) non-consensual Liens arising by operation of law, arising in the ordinary course of business, and for amounts which are not overdue for a period of more than 30 days or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; and (c) Liens created pursuant to the Security Agreement.

8.3 Line of Business. Enter into any business, directly or indirectly, except for those businesses in which the Borrower is engaged on the date of this Note or that are reasonably related thereto.

8.4 Compliance with Anti-Terrorism Regulations.

(a) (i) Violate any Anti-Terrorism Laws (ii) engage in any transaction, investment, undertaking or activity that conceals the identity, source or destination of the proceeds from any category of prohibited offenses designated by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's Financial Action Task Force on Money

Laundering or (iii) permit any of its Affiliates to violate these laws or engage in these actions.

(b) (i) Use, directly or indirectly, the proceeds of the Loans, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person, (x) to fund any activities or business of or with any Person, or in any country or territory, that, is, or whose government is, the subject of Sanctions at the time of such funding, or (y) in any other manner that would result in a violation of Sanctions by any Person (including any Person participating in the Loans, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor, or otherwise).

(c) (i) Deal in, or otherwise engage in any transaction related to, any property or interests in property blocked pursuant to any Anti-Terrorism Law, (ii) engage in or conspire to engage in any transaction that evades or avoids, or has the purpose of evading or avoiding, or attempt to violate, any of the prohibitions set forth in any Anti-Terrorism Law or (iii) permit any of its Affiliates to do any of the foregoing.

9. Events of Default. The occurrence and continuance of any of the following shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder:

9.1 Failure to Pay. The Borrower fails to pay (a) any principal amount of the Loan when due or (b) interest or any other amount when due and such failure continues for 5 days.

9.2 Breach of Representations and Warranties. Any representation or warranty made or deemed made by the Borrower to the Noteholder herein or in the Security Agreement is incorrect in any material respect on the date as of which such representation or warranty was made or deemed made.

9.3 Breach of Covenants. The Borrower fails to observe or perform (a) any covenant, condition or agreement contained in Section 7 or Section 8, or (b) any other covenant, obligation, condition or agreement contained in this Note or the Security Agreement other than those specified in clause (a) and Section 9.1 and such failure continues for 15 days.

9.4 Debt Cross-Defaults. The Borrower fails to pay when due any of its Debt (other than Debt arising under this Note) or any interest or premium thereon when due (whether by scheduled maturity, acceleration, demand or otherwise) and such failure continues after the applicable grace period, if any, specified in the agreement or instrument relating to such Debt.

9.5 Bankruptcy.

(a) the Borrower commences any case, proceeding or other action (i) under any existing or future Law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or other relief of debtors, seeking to have an order for relief entered with respect to it, or seeking to adjudicate it as bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, winding-up, liquidation, dissolution, composition or other relief with respect to it or its debts or (ii) seeking appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian,

conservator or other similar official for it or for all or any substantial part of its assets, or the Borrower makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors;

(b) there is commenced against the Borrower any case, proceeding or other action of a nature referred to in Section 9.5(a) above which (i) results in the entry of an order for relief or any such adjudication or appointment or (ii) remains undismissed, undischarged or unbonded for a period of 45 days;

(c) there is commenced against the Borrower any case, proceeding or other action seeking issuance of a warrant of attachment, execution or similar process against all or any substantial part of its assets which results in the entry of an order for any such relief which has not been vacated, discharged, or stayed or bonded pending appeal within 45 days from the entry thereof;

(d) the Borrower takes any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any of the acts set forth in Section 9.5(a), Section 9.5(b) or Section 9.5(c) above; or

(e) the Borrower is generally not, or shall be unable to, or admits in writing its inability to, pay its debts as they become due.

9.6 Judgments. One or more judgments or decrees shall be entered against the Borrower and all of such judgments or decrees shall not have been vacated, discharged, stayed or bonded pending appeal within 45 days from the entry thereof.

10. Remedies. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default and at any time thereafter during the continuance of such Event of Default, the Noteholder may at its option, by written notice to the Borrower (a) declare the entire principal amount of this Note, together with all accrued interest thereon and all other amounts payable hereunder, immediately due and payable; and/or (b) exercise any or all of its rights, powers or remedies under the Security Agreement or applicable Law; *provided, however* that, if an Event of Default described in Section 9 shall occur, the principal of and accrued interest on the Loan shall become immediately due and payable without any notice, declaration or other act on the part of the Noteholder.

11. Miscellaneous.

11.1 Notices.

(a) All notices, requests or other communications required or permitted to be delivered hereunder shall be delivered in writing, in each case to the address specified below or to such other address as such Party may from time to time specify in writing in compliance with this provision:

(i) If to the Borrower:

Mercury BBQ LLC  
12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 190

Minnetonka, MN 55343  
Attn: Manager

(ii) If to the Noteholder:

Famous Dave's of America, Inc.  
12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 190  
Minnetonka, MN 55343  
Attn: CEO

(b) Notices if (i) mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by hand or overnight courier service shall be deemed to have been given when received; (ii) sent by facsimile during the recipient's normal business hours shall be deemed to have been given when sent (and if sent after normal business hours shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of the recipient's business on the next business day); and (iii) sent by e-mail shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgment from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgment).

11.2 Expenses. The Borrower shall reimburse the Noteholder on demand for all reasonable out-of-pocket costs, expenses and fees (including reasonable expenses and fees of its external counsel) incurred by the Noteholder in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby including the negotiation, documentation and execution of this Note and the Security Agreement and the enforcement of the Noteholder's rights hereunder and thereunder.

11.3 Governing Law. This Note, the Security Agreement and any claim, controversy, dispute or cause of action (whether in contract or tort or otherwise) based upon, arising out of or relating to this Note, the Security Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota.

11.4 Submission to Jurisdiction.

(a) The Borrower hereby irrevocably and unconditionally (i) agrees that any legal action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Note or the Security Agreement may be brought in the courts of the State of or of the United States of America for the District of Minnesota and (ii) submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of any such court in any such action, suit or proceeding. Final judgment against one or more of the Borrowers in any action, suit or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in any other jurisdiction by suit on the judgment.

(b) Nothing in this Section 11.4 shall affect the right of the Noteholder to (i) commence legal proceedings or otherwise sue the Borrower in any other court having jurisdiction over the Borrower or (ii) serve process upon the Borrower in any manner authorized by the laws of any such jurisdiction.

11.5 Venue. The Borrower irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Note or the Security Agreement in any court referred to in Section 11.4 and the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court.

11.6 Waiver of Jury Trial. THE BORROWER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RELATING TO THIS NOTE, THE SECURITY AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY.

11.7 Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness. This Note, the Security Agreement and any amendments, waivers, consents or supplements hereto and thereto may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Note and the Security Agreement constitute the entire contract between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, with respect thereto. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Note or the Security Agreement by facsimile or in electronic (i.e., "pdf" or "tif") format shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Note or the Security Agreement, as applicable.

11.8 Successors and Assigns. This Note may be assigned or transferred by the Noteholder to any Person. The Borrower may not assign or transfer this Note or any of its rights hereunder without the prior written consent of the Noteholder. This Note shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the Parties and their permitted assigns.

11.9 Waiver of Notice. The Borrower hereby waives demand for payment, presentment for payment, protest, notice of payment, notice of dishonor, notice of nonpayment, notice of acceleration of maturity and diligence in taking any action to collect sums owing hereunder.

11.10 USA PATRIOT Act. The Noteholder hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act, it is required to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies the Borrower, which information includes the name of the Borrower and other information that will allow the Noteholder to identify the Borrower in accordance with the US PATRIOT Act, and the Borrower agrees to provide such information from time to time to the Noteholder.

11.11 Interpretation. For purposes of this Note (a) the words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation"; (b) the word "or" is not exclusive; and (c) the words "herein," "hereof," "hereby," "hereto" and "hereunder" refer to this Note as a whole. The definitions given for any defined terms in this Note shall apply equally to both the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. Unless the context otherwise requires, references herein: (x) to Sections



mean the Sections of this Note; (y) to an agreement, instrument or other document means such agreement, instrument or other document as amended, supplemented and modified from time to time to the extent permitted by the provisions thereof; and (z) to a statute means such statute as amended from time to time and includes any successor legislation thereto and any regulations promulgated thereunder. This Note shall be construed without regard to any presumption or rule requiring construction or interpretation against the party drafting an instrument or causing any instrument to be drafted.

11.12 Amendments and Waivers. No term of this Note may be waived, modified or amended except by an instrument in writing signed by both of the parties hereto. Any waiver of the terms hereof shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose given.

11.13 Headings. The headings of the various Sections and subsections herein are for reference only and shall not define, modify, expand or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof.

11.14 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies. No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising on the part of the Noteholder, of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by Law.

11.15 Electronic Execution. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of similar import in the Note shall be deemed to include electronic or digital signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same effect, validity and enforceability as manually executed signatures or a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for under applicable law, including the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act of 2000 (15 USC § 7001 et seq.), the Electronic Signatures and Records Act of 1999 (N.Y. State Tech. Law §§ 301-309), or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

11.16 Severability. If any term or provision of this Note or the Security Agreement is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other term or provision of this Note or the Security Agreement or invalidate or render unenforceable such term or provision in any other jurisdiction. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Note so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

[signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borrower has executed this Note as of July 18, 2018.

MERCURY BBQ LLC

By: /s/ Travis Clark

Name: Travis Clark

Title: Secretary

By its acceptance of this Note, the Noteholder acknowledges and agrees to be bound by the provisions of Sections 2.1 and 2.2.

Famous Dave's of America, Inc.

By: /s/ Geovannie Concepcion

Name: Geovannie Concepcion

Title: COO

CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR PORTIONS OF THIS EXHIBIT PURSUANT TO RULE 24B-2 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED. THE COPY FILED HERewith OMITs THE INFORMATION SUBJECT TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST. OMISSIONS ARE DESIGNATED AS [\*\*]. A COMPLETE VERSION OF THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN FILED SEPARATELY WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LICENSE AGREEMENT

This Intellectual Property License Agreement (the “**License Agreement**”), between Travis Clark, individually, and Clark Championship Products LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Oklahoma (collectively “**Licensor**”), and Famous Dave’s of America, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Minnesota (“**Licensee**”), is effective July 18, 2018 (the “**Effective Date**”).

### RECITALS

- A. Licensor is the owner of certain intellectual property rights worldwide, including patents, trademarks, trade names, services marks, logos and designs (the “**IP Assets**”) related to Clark Crew BBQ™ restaurants and products (the “**Goods and Services**”). The IP Assets include the trademark “Clark Crew BBQ” and any other trademarks, service marks, logos or designs that Licensor may now or in the future develop related to the operation of a Clark Crew BBQ™ restaurant (the “**Marks**”).
- B. Licensor also has licensed the IP Assets to Mercury BBQ LLC for the development of a single Clark Crew BBQ™ restaurant (the “**Mercury Agreement**”) in a specific territory (the “**Mercury Territory**”).
- C. Licensee desires to license the IP Assets from Licensor for various commercial purposes related to the Goods and Services and sublicense these rights pursuant to the terms described in this Agreement.

### AGREEMENT

In consideration of the above recitals and the promises set forth below, the parties agree as follows:

1. **License to Intellectual Property.**
    - 1.1 Grant of License. Licensor grants Licensee an exclusive license to use and sublicense the IP Assets for various commercial purposes related to the Goods and Services in the Territory, including establishing franchising operations (the “**License**”). The “**Territory**” is worldwide; provided that for as long as the Mercury Agreement remains in effect, Licensee will not operate or sublicense another party to operate a Clarks Crew BBQ™ restaurant in the Mercury Territory.
    - 1.2 Sublicensing. Licensee may sublicense the rights under this Agreement, provided that the sublicense terms include obligations at least as protective as those set
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forth in this Agreement. Licensee and any sublicensees must comply with the quality standards set forth in this Agreement, and Licensee will be responsible to enforce those standards against any sublicensees.

- 1.3 Reservation of Rights. Licensor retains all right, title and interest in and to the IP Assets and reserves all rights not expressly granted to Licensee in the License and this Agreement. If at any time, Licensor determines that it is appropriate to change or modify use of any of the IP Assets or to substitute or add additional rights or assets, that the definition of IP Assets shall automatically, and without further action of the parties, be amended to include such changes; provided that Licensee may continue to use any IP Assets which Licensor no longer supports or develops.
  - 1.4 Copyright License. With regard to copyrights licensed under this Agreement, the License includes the right to use, reproduce, display, distribute, create derivative works of the creative works owned by Licensor. All derivative works created by Licensee or its sublicensees will become and remain the sole and exclusive property of Licensor. Upon written request by Licensor, Licensee will execute any assignments, bills of sale or other documents necessary to confirm, assign or transfer any intellectual property rights in any derivative works created by or on behalf of Licensee or its sublicensees.
  - 1.5 Trademark License.
    - A. *Use of the Marks.* With regard to the Marks licensed under this Agreement, the License is for various commercial purposes related to the Goods and Services, including establishing franchising operations. Licensee must use the Marks in accordance with sound trademark and trade name usage principles and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation all laws and regulations relating to the maintenance of the validity and enforceability of the Marks. Licensee may not, during or after the term of this License Agreement, engage in any conduct, directly or indirectly, that would infringe upon, harm or contest the rights of title of Licensor in or to the Marks, any associated goodwill or the validity of the Marks.
    - B. *Quality Control.* The Goods and Services offered by Licensee under the Marks will be of the same quality as those offered by Licensor under the Marks in the United States. In manufacturing and marketing the Goods and Services, Licensee will comply with the quality standards set forth by Licensor.
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- C. *Ownership.* The parties acknowledge that Licensor is the exclusive owner of all right, title and interest in and to the Marks and all past, present or future goodwill of the business that is associated with or attributable to the Marks. Use of the Marks by Licensee or its sublicensees, and the goodwill associated with that use, inures to Licensor and its successors and assigns.
- 1.6 Trade Secrets License. With regard to trade secrets licensed under this Agreement, Licensee will keep such trade secrets confidential, using the same degree of care it uses to protect its own confidential or proprietary information, but in no event less than a reasonable degree of care. Licensee will not disclose any trade secrets to any third party, except as necessary for business purposes and under similar confidentiality obligations. Licensee will limit access to trade secrets to those employees who need to know the information for business purposes.
2. **Royalty.** Licensee will pay Licensor a royalty in an amount equal to \$[\*\*] cash and \$[\*\*] of Licensor common stock for each of the first 20 Clark Crew BBQ™ restaurants opened by Licensee and its sublicensees that use the IP Assets. The royalty will be paid quarterly, within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter, via bank transfer. The royalty will end after payment has been made for the 20<sup>th</sup> Clark Crew BBQ™ restaurant opened by Licensee or its sublicensees.
3. **Records and Audit Rights.** Licensee agrees to keep and maintain such books and records as are necessary to determine its royalty payments to Licensor each period. Licensor may review the records within three days upon written request, or Licensor may hire an independent certified public accountant to perform an audit on its behalf at Licensor's expense. If the auditor discovers discrepancies in Licensee's favor greater than 5%, Licensee will reimburse Licensor for all costs associated with the audit.
4. **Term.** This Agreement shall commence as of the Effective Date and shall continue in full force and effect until terminated by the parties' mutual written agreement, unless sooner terminated pursuant to Section 5 of this Agreement.

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**[\*\*] Denotes confidential information that has been omitted from the exhibit and filed separately, accompanied by a confidential treatment request, with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.**

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5. **Termination.** Either party may terminate the Agreement in the event of a breach by the other party that remains uncured 30 days after written notice of the breach was provided. For purposes of this Agreement, it is a material breach of this Agreement if Licensee:
- (a) fails or refuses to perform any duty hereunder;
  - (b) fails to enter into two franchise agreements for the development and operation of a Clark Crew BBQ™ restaurant within two years following the Effective Date;
  - (d) attempts to transfer an interest in this Agreement in violation of Section 6 of this Agreement;
  - (e) becomes insolvent by reason of an inability to pay debts as they mature or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or any admission of inability to pay obligations as they become due;
  - (f) fails to submit when due reports or other information or supporting records required under Section 3; or
  - (g) fails or refuses to comply with any other provision of this Agreement or any instruction of Licensor concerning quality control standards for the Marks.

Any sublicenses in existence at the time of termination or expiration of this License Agreement will continue for the stated term in those sublicenses, notwithstanding the termination of this License Agreement, provided the sublicensees are in compliance with all other terms of their sublicense agreements.

6. **Assignment.** The License and this Agreement may not be assigned by Licensor without the prior written consent of Licensee, in its sole discretion, including in connection with a merger or acquisition of Licensor. Other than sublicensing rights within the Territory, as provided under this Agreement, Licensee may not assign the License and this Agreement without Licensor's prior written consent in its sole discretion; provided that Licensee may assign the License and this Agreement without Licensor's prior written consent in connection with a merger or acquisition of Licensee.
7. **Indemnification by Licensee.** Licensee will indemnify and defend Licensor and its directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents from and against, any third party claims of infringement, including attorney fees, arising from Licensee's use of the IP Assets.
8. **Indemnification for Infringement.** Licensor will indemnify and defend Licensee and its directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents from and against any and all
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claims, losses, damages and expenses, including attorney fees, based on a claim that Licensee's use of the IP Assets infringes a third party's intellectual property rights. Licensee must promptly notify Licensor of any infringement claims of which it becomes aware. The defense, settlement and handling of any claims of infringement will be determined by Licensor in its sole discretion. At the request of Licensor, Licensee will cooperate and assist Licensor in the defense, settlement and handling of any claims, at Licensor's expense.

9. **Limitation of Liabilities.** In no event shall either party be liable for any special, indirect, consequential or contingent damages, including without limitation loss of profits, regardless of whether in an action based on contract, tort or any other theory, even if that party had been advised of the possibility of such damages.
  
  10. **Non-Compete.**
    - A. Licensor will not during the term of this Agreement anywhere in the world on their own account on their own account or as an employee, agent, consultant, affiliate, licensee, partner, officer, director, or owner of any other person, firm, entity, partnership, or corporation, own, operate, lease, franchise, conduct, engage in, be connected with, have any interest in, or assist any person or entity engaged in:  
(1) any business that distributes, sells or otherwise deals in, at wholesale or retail, barbeque sauce, smoked food, or barbecued food; or (b) any business that Licensee determines, in the exercise of its business judgment, serves the same general range of consumer demand (regardless of menu) as comparable to that served by a Clark Crew BBQ™ restaurant.
  
    - B. For two years following the termination of this Agreement, Licensor will not on their own account on their own account or as an employee, agent, consultant, affiliate, licensee, partner, officer, director, or owner of any other person, firm, entity, partnership, or corporation, own, operate, lease, franchise, conduct, engage in, be connected with, have any interest in, or assist any person or entity engaged in a business that distributes, sells or otherwise deals in, at wholesale or retail, barbeque sauce, smoked food, or barbecued food or any other related business that is competitive with or similar to a Clark Crew BBQ™ restaurant, if such business is located within 15 miles of any Clark Crew BBQ™ restaurant existing at the time of termination of this Agreement. For purposes of this Section, any form of e-commerce business or website that distributes, sells or otherwise deals in, at wholesale or retail, any barbeque sauce, smoked food, barbecued food, or related products, or any other related business that is competitive with or similar to a Clark Crew BBQ™ restaurant will be in violation of this provision if such e-commerce business or website offers, sells or otherwise makes its products or services available to individuals residing within or businesses located within 15
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mile radius of any Clark Crew BBQ™ restaurant existing at the time of termination of this Agreement.

11. **Representations.** Licensor represents and warrants to Licensee that the IP Assets constitute all of the intellectual property assets necessary to operate Clark Crew BBQ™ restaurants.
12. **Acknowledgements.** Licensee acknowledges and agrees that it is an entity that has been in business for over five years and that it has a net worth over \$5,715,500.
13. **General.** This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Oklahoma without regard to conflicts of law principles. All claims or actions related to this Agreement must be brought in the state or federal courts located in Hennepin County, Minnesota. If any court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Agreement invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions of this Agreement remain in full force and effect. Any provision of this Agreement held invalid or unenforceable only in part or degree remains in full force and effect to the extent not held invalid or unenforceable. The waiver or failure of either party to exercise in any respect any right provided for in this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any further right under this Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement and understanding of the parties concerning the subject matter of this Agreement.

**Licensor**

**Licensee**

**CLARK CHAMPIONSHIP PRODUCTS  
LLC**

**FAMOUS DAVE'S OF AMERICA,  
INC.**

/s/ Travis Clark  
By: Travis Clark  
Its: Owner

/s/ Geovannie Concepcion  
By: Geovannie Concepcion  
Its: COO

/s/Travis Clark  
By: Travis Clark, individually

[Notary Seal]  
/s/ Sheryl L. Hoye  
Notary Public - Minnesota  
My commission expires 01/31/19

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## CERTIFICATIONS

I, Jeffery Crivello, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Famous Dave's of America, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: August 13, 2018

By: /s/ Jeffery Crivello  
Jeffery Crivello  
Chief Executive Officer and Director

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## CERTIFICATIONS

I, Paul M. Malazita, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Famous Dave's of America, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: August 13, 2018

By: /s/ Paul M. Malazita  
Paul M. Malazita  
Interim Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. 1350  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, each of the undersigned officers of Famous Dave's of America, Inc. does hereby certify that:

- a) The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Famous Dave's of America, Inc. for the quarter ended July 1, 2018 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- b) Information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Famous Dave's of America, Inc.

Dated: August 13, 2018

By: /s/ Jeffery Crivello  
Jeffery Crivello  
Chief Executive Officer and Director  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Dated: August 13, 2018

By: /s/ Paul M. Malazita  
Paul M. Malazita  
Interim Chief Financial Officer and Secretary  
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

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